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SCHOLARSHIP TO NRI CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of undergraduate scholarships to the children of Indians living abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of applications received from various countries including the Gulf countries;and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS(SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) There is no proposal to increase the number of undergraduate Scholarship for the Children of Indians living abroad under the Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC).

(b) Does not arise

(c) The number of applications received from various countries including Gulf Countries for the academic year 2009-10 is 421331 from Non Resident Indians and 90 from Persons of Indian Origin .

(d) The common Entrance Examination for SPDC- 2009 was conducted for the eligible applicants at respective Embassies/ High Commissions/Consulates of India on October 26, 2008.Based on their performance at the Common Entrance Test, 126 candidates have been offered scholarship under the Scheme.